

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the title beginning at page 1, line 3 with the following amended title:

Novel glycerol kinase, which has high resistance against preservative ~~gene thereof and~~
~~method for producing the glycerol kinase using the gene~~

Please replace the abstract at page 44 with the following amended abstract:

The disclosure relates ~~Relating~~ to (i) a gene isolated from *Cellulomonas* sp. JCM2471,
the gene encoding a new glycerol kinase and (ii) a method for preparing the glycerol kinase
~~enzyme~~ by gene recombination technique.

A Glycerol kinase which has high resistance against preservative, a recombinant vector comprising a gene encoding the glycerol kinase, a transformant prepared by transforming a host cell with the recombinant vector, and a method for producing the glycerol kinase, including culturing the transformant to produce glycerol kinase, and collecting the resulting glycerol kinase.